



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29  
2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3 WHEREAS, During the 1970s, a special provision was written  
4 into the Social Security Act of 1935 concerning contingent  
5 academic workers; that provision excluded education workers  
6 from receipt of unemployment benefits unless they can  
7 demonstrate that they do not have "reasonable assurance" of  
8 continued employment; and

9 WHEREAS, Academic contingent workers in higher education  
10 are frequently denied access to unemployment benefits based on  
11 a very broad interpretation of "reasonable assurance";  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
15 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Unemployment  
16 Insurance for Contingent Academic Workers Task Force; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be charged with the  
19 following tasks:

- 20 (1) to estimate costs to higher education institutions
- 21 of a change in law that allows contingent academics to
- 22 collect unemployment insurance; and

1           (2) to examine the growth of employment of part-time  
2 contingent faculty over the past 10 years; and be it  
3 further

4           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the  
5 following:

6           (1) 2 members who are statewide education labor union  
7 representatives from a 2-year institution; each member  
8 shall be appointed by the union that he or she represents;

9           (2) 2 members who are statewide education labor union  
10 representatives from a 4-year institution; each member  
11 shall be appointed by the union that he or she represents;

12           (3) 4 members who are management representatives from  
13 higher education institutions appointed by the Board of  
14 Higher Education;

15           (4) one member appointed by the Director of Employment  
16 Security;

17           (5) 4 legislative members; one of whom shall be  
18 appointed by the President of the Senate; one of whom shall  
19 be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one of  
20 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
21 Representatives; and one of whom shall be appointed by the  
22 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

23           (6) one member appointed by the Governor; and be it  
24 further

1           RESOLVED, That the Task Force may hold hearings on the  
2           issue of unemployment insurance for contingent academic  
3           workers and shall report its findings to the General Assembly  
4           on or before July 1, 2010; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
6           delivered to the Board of Higher Education, the Director of  
7           Employment Security, and the Governor.